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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is a Request for Review of a denial of the request by Sault Ste. Marie School District seeking BEAR payment assistance through a Good Samaritan Service Provider. The Proceeding Number for this request is: CC Docket No. 02-6.

Our Good Samaritan request application number is 353819 for Funding Request Number 1049275 of Funding Year 2003.

On 30 November, 2004 I received a fax from one, Theresa Patey at E-Rate Funding-Invoicing informing me that "RFB Cellular dba Cellular One of Northeast Michigan filed for Bankruptcy Chapter 11 on 11/19/2003 – As a result of that filing it is necessary for you to cancel Invoice Nos. 430757 and 518465. In order to be re-imbursed for services, you need to file a Good Samaritan request form."

I did as Theresa's fax indicated I should and cancelled the invoices and filed a Good Samaritan request. The request was referred to Maria A. Abram, Associate Manager – Dunning/Good Samaritan Unit, E-Rate Program. I sent Maria all requested information including copies of the invoices from Cellular One and cancelled checks from Funding Year 2003 and indicated that Alltel, Inc. had agreed to serve as our Good Samaritan.

On 28 January, 2005 I received a Good Samaritan Request Denial Letter from the SLD. The determination given was, "The service provider RFB Cellular SPIN # 143000273 is reflected on the Funding Request number. The support submitted by the school reflects the service provider Cellular One is not listed as a DBA or FDA for this SPIN # according to Schools and Libraries From 498 records. Therefore, your request for a Good Samaritan is denied."

When Sault Ste. Marie School District first contracted with RFB Cellular in January, 2002 we were given the SPIN # 143000273 for RFB Cellular to use when filing for services from Cellular One. Both names appear on the bid documents and contracts from RFB Cellular. In discussions with RFB Cellular about the situation, they have assured me that they paid into the USF and don't see why we should be having any problems obtaining our reimbursements.

It is the position of Sault Ste. Marie School District that we should not be penalized for using the information that was provided to us by the service provider. Verification should be sought by the SLD, from RFB Cellular, that they indeed provided services to Sault Ste. Marie School District under the name of Cellular One of Northeast Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,

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